



## Frequently Asked Questions on Manhaj : Part 6

### Introduction

All Praise is due to Allaah, we praise Him, seek His aid and His Forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allaah from the evils of our souls and the evils of our actions. Whomsoever Allaah guides there is none to misguide and whomsoever Allaah misguides there is none to guide. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allaah, alone, without any partners and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger.

This is a summarisation of some of the issues of manhaj that have been subject to contention in the current times. The detailed answers and proofs on all the issues addressed in this series can be found on the articles at Wwww.SalafiPublications.Com that are related to these matters. This series is aimed at quickly identifying the issues in a brief, yet concise manner, for the benefit of those who may be unaware of these affairs.

### Question 10. What about obedience to these rulers (who do not judge by the Sharee'ah in all affairs)?

As for obedience to the Rulers, then regardless of their level of tyranny and disobedience, then they must be given obedience in that which is good.

From Hudhaifah Ibn al-Yamaan (radiallaahu anhu) who said, "I said: "O Messenger of Allaah! We used to be in a state of evil, then Allaah brought this good, which we are now in. Will there be any evil after this good?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Will there be any evil after that good?" He said, "Yes." I said, "How will it be?". He said, **There will be after me Leaders who do not guide themselves with my guidance and nor do they adopt my Sunnah, and there will arise from amongst them, men with the hearts of devils in the bodies of men.** I said, "What shall I do then, If I reach that time?" He said, **Hear and obey the leader, even if he strikes your back and takes your wealth, then still hear and obey**". (Bukharee, Muslim and others).

Where are those who wish to incite the people towards their destruction, those rowdy hooligans, whose only wish is to occupy the youth with the iniquities of the rulers? Can there be a more severe and harsh description for a people than having "the hearts of devils in the bodies of men"?!!

And as for the doubts that are used by the Innovators to justify rebellion merely on account of a ruler's tyranny and his lack of applying total Sharee'ah rule, then they have been refuted by the major scholars of today, and these doubts are only employed

by the Kharijite Renegades of today who are upon the extremism of Sayyid Qutb, Suroor and his likes.

And as for when clear, undisputable kufr is observed, with clear proof from Allaah, then this matter is referred back to the Senior Ulamaa who advise – and it is not the case that as soon as clear kufr is observed that rebellion is automatically sanctioned. All of these affairs are greatly serious, since they can have very dangerous consequences. Hence, they are not left to those poisoned with the ideologies we have outlined above, who are the most ignorant of people with respect to the Sunnah and the manhaj of the Salaf. Rather they are referred back to the Ulamaa who are upon a sound creed and a sound manhaj, who will direct the people in the Affair. And the greatest of examples of this is the Algerian Revolution which was actually backed and encouraged by the Puppets of Aal Qutb, the neo-Qutubiyyah of Arabia. The senior scholars like Imaam al-Albaani, Imaam Ibn Baaz and Imaam Ibn Uthaimeen forbade the people from using violence and resorting to fighting, and advised then to rectify the society with the call to Tawheed and the Sunnah – but as for the neo-Qutubiyyah and those poisoned with the teachings of Qutb and Bannaa, they encouraged and backed the revolution, which has taken 100,000 civilian lives to date.

Ibn al-Qayyim - may Allaah have mercy upon him - said: “This is a great topic, containing much benefit and due to ignorance of this topic a great mistake has fallen upon the Sharee’ah...” up until he said, after mentioning that the basis of the Sharee’ah is built upon the welfare and benefits of the servants: “...The Prophet (sallallaahu ‘alaihi-wasallam) legislated for his ummah, the obligation of rejecting the evil so that by its rejection, the goodness that Allaah and His Messenger love is obtained. And when rejecting the evil leads to what is more evil and more hated by Allaah and His Messenger then it is not allowed to reject it - even if Allaah hates it and detests those who perform it (the evil). **And this is like rejection [inkaar] against the kings, and the ones in authority by coming out against them [with arms etc. to fight them] - for verily, that is the basis and foundation of every evil (sharr) and every tribulation (fitnah) till the end of time.** And the Companions asked permission from the Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu ‘alaihi wasallam) for killing the leaders [Umaraa’] who delay the prayer from its proper time, saying: “Shall we not kill them.” So he said: “No, so long as they establish the prayer”, and he also said: “Whoever sees something from his leader [ameer] something that he dislikes then let him be patient and let him not raise his hand [away] from the leader’s obedience.” **And whoever reflects upon the greatest and smallest trials that have befallen Islaam, then he will see that they are due to the negligence and wastage of this principle and the lack of patience upon [witnessing] evil. So he seeks bring about its end and as a result of this, a greater evil is brought about.** And the Messenger (sallallaahu ‘alaihi wasallam) saw the greatest of evils in Makkah and he was not able to change them. In fact even when Allaah opened up for the Muslims Makkah [i.e. gave the Muslims victory over it] and when it became daar ul-Islaam he was resolved to changing the Ka’abah and returning it to the foundations that Ibraaheem (alaihis-salaam) had built it upon - but even though he had the capacity to do that, he was prevented from it by the fear that something

greater would occur due to the lack of tolerance of the Quraish, since they were new to Islaam and had recently left disbelief - and for this reason he did not grant permission for rejecting against the leaders [Umaraa'] with the use of one's hand [i.e. with force] due to the greatness of what results afterwards on account of it..." Ibn al-Qayyim in 'Tlaam ul-Muwaqqi'een an Rabbil-Aalameen.'

However, all of this is rejected by the Qutubiyyah, Surooriyyah and others from the neo-Kharijites, who see all of this as defeatism and lenience in the da'wah (as first stated by their Sayyid, and then later revived by the brother and acting Minister, Mohammad Qutb, who began the accusation of Irjaa' against Ahl us-Sunnah)! And for this reason it was observed that the Ulamaa who called for obedience to the Rulers in that which was good and forbade rousing the sentiments of the people against them – out of fear of the harmful consequences which actually fall back upon the people – they were labelled “stooges”, “spies”, “paid workers” and the likes.